this particular matter of the pay of the Sub-Inspectors. If it is in line with the suggestion that I have made, or anywhere near that I may as well accept the suggestion of the Government, and I may not press it. In the absence of any light coming from them I think I have to think over. I wait for a reply.

Mr. President: Have the Government nothing to say about it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): If permission is granted, I wish to withdraw my motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

Mr. President: There are two more cut motions. They are not in order.

The question is that Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 54,802 under "20 Police—Executive Force—Sub-Inspectors, etc".

Demand put and carried

91 to 94—20—Police

Mr. K. S. Raghavan (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I may be permitted to move items 91 to 94 together.

Mr. President: Yes.

Mr. K. S. Raghavan (*Secretary to Government*): I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 5,483 under "20 Police—Executive-Sub-Inspectors—Temporary", Rs. 5,000 under the same head Dearness Allowance, Rs. 3,000 under the same head Taxation for refunds and Rs. 35,000 under Travelling Allowance Ordinary. The objects are explained in the Notes to the Standing Finance Committee.

Mr. President: The question is that Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 5,483 under "20 Police—Executive-Sub Inspectors—Temporary, Rs. 5,000 under the same head Dearness Allowance, Rs. 3,000 under the same head Taxation for refunds and Rs. 35,000 under Travelling Allowance Ordinary.

Demands put and carried

95 to 98—Law and Justice (Cranganur)

Mr. K. S. Raghavan (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I may be permitted to move Items Nos. 95 to 98 together.

Mr. President: Yes.

Mr. K. S. Raghavan (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 700 under "12 Law and Justice—B—Civil Establishment (Cranganur) Rs. 28 under "B—Civil Justice—Duty Allowance"—Rs. 310 under B—Civil Justice—Establishment—(Cranganur) and Rs. 160 under "12—Law and Justice—B—Civil Justice—Establishment—(Cranganur) Travelling Allowance". The objects are explained in the notes to the Standing Finance Committee.

Mr. President: The question is that Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 700 under "12—Law and Justice—B—Establishment—Cranganur", Rs. 28 under "B—Civil Justice—Duty Allowance", Rs. 310 under "B—Civil Justice—Establishment—(Cranganur)—Dearness Allowance" and Rs. 160 under "B—Civil Justice—Establishment—(Cranganur)—Travelling Allowance."

Demands put and carried

99. 14—Police (Cranganur)

Mr. K. S. Raghavan (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move that an additional allotment of Rs. 600 be made to Government under "14—Police—T. A. (Cranganur)." The object is explained in the Note to the Standing Finance Committee.

Mr. President: The question is that Government may be granted an additional sum of Rs. 600 under "14—Police—T. A. (Cranganur)."

Demand put and carried

57. 16—1—Huzur Secretariat

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I beg to move an additional allotment of Rs. 9,260 under "16—1—Huzur Secretariat—Salaries—Ministers". The reason is explained in the Note to the Standing Finance Committee.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Before moving the cut motion standing in my name Sir, I would like to get the points of information asked for in my cut motion, namely, the exact amount of salary drawn by all the Ministers together in 1122 inclusive of Meenam 1122 (*ii*) was the whole of the amount in (*i*) drawn from the pay of the Ministers in the Preliminary Budget thrown out by the Council and certified later by the Diwan and (*iii*) whether the amount of salary thus far drawn, takes in any amount in addition to the amount certified. I have made three queries.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*i*) The exact amount of salary drawn by all the Ministers together is Rs. 15,250. (*ii*) Yes. and (*iii*) The amounts provided in the Budget is only Rs. 12,000. Owing to the appointment of three more Ministers from 24th Chingam 1122 the amount provided was not sufficient and therefore Rs. 3,250 has so far been spent by this time, over and above the Budget provision.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): I would like to know also Sir, how did you manage to get that amount in excess of what is granted by this House to be paid to the Ministers. How did you manage to spend the excess over the 12000 rupees—by what process —I should like to know.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Food and Education*): It is usual Sir, for any Government to spend money in advance in anticipation of sanction by the Legislature.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Was the answer to my query given by the First Minister that the usual practice of other Governments was to spend money as this Government is seen to have done?

I refute the statement that "other Governments" spend money in anticipation of sanction, as this Government has been doing. How that amount has been met, that amount spent—Sir? It is not an amount required to be spent hereafter. Where did you get that money of the taxpayer?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Food and Education*): From the treasury.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): I wait for an answer, Sir.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Rs. 12,000 was provided for. We want Rs. 9,260 more.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Sir, if I have not understood the Hon'ble Chief Secretary correctly I beg to be excused. I wait for the Chief Secretary's reply. Were the amounts certified and with reference to that it was stated that Rs. 15,000 has been spent and what is provided for is Rs. 12,000. Therefore Rs. 3,000 and odd had been paid to the Ministers over and above the certified amount. Where did you get it from?

Rao. Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is in anticipation of sanction.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): I am constrained to move this cut; but, no. Now I have got the information that I sought to get through this cut motion and my object has been served under the directions and suggestions of the First Minister. I am not going to move because my purpose is served other than by moving this cut. I am much obliged to the Government for supplying the information.

Mr. President: The question is that Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 9,260 under "16-1-Huzur Secretariat—Salaries of Ministers".

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Sir, I oppose. Sir, I had absolutely no idea when I put in the cut motion that I will have the painful necessity and the futile position of having to object to this demand, but from the answers so kindly supplied on my queries under my cut motion, under that, I am constrained to oppose. Now, it has been said, Sir, that out of this certified money, out of this original provision of Rs. 12,000 to be paid to our Ministers, our own Ministers, which those of them who are now drawing their remuneration were instrumental in throwing out even after a very very appealing remark that came up from the then Advocate General—who as Constitutional Adviser is not seen in his seat to-day. In spite of that appeal which was to this effect *viz.*, that there must be methods even in madness, that appeal did not stick.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Food and Education*): It ought to be repeated now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): The light-hearted way in which the First Minister of the State has been playing in the Council during these days Sir, although I am not able to protest against it sufficiently, remember, Sir, that the food that you eat drawing this Rs. 500 and others that you get, come from the purse of 15 and odd lakhs of people of Cochin

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who will be strong enough before long to question you. Please, my dear Sir, be a little more responsible in your methods.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Food and Education*): Sir, you address the Chair.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will I ever address you, Sir. I look at you, because of your position.

Mr. President: Order, order, in the House, Subject matter—Subject matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Subject matter, Sir? in the light-hearted talk of the first Minister.....

Mr. President: Order in the House, please. The Hon'ble Member must be aware that that matter is closed. He will proceed on with the subject matter of the motion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: The subject matter of the motion is to reduce the demand.

Mr. President: If you are opposing the motion, you may speak.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I am making these observations, which according to me, Sir, are most relevant for the argument I advance to throw out this demand.

Mr. President: Some of which, according to me, are irrelevant.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: The Chair has certainly a right to give a directive.

Mr. President: I did not ask the Hon'ble Member to stop, but to continue his speech.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Sir, I was making these observations that this sort of irresponsible statements from responsible corners, corners which we consider to be responsible, but evidence has shown to be otherwise. Continuing my argument, my opposition is this: Rs. 12,000 had been provided in the Budget, that was opposed by the present Ministry, though not then occupying the role of ministers and their company, and it was thrown out. It is a restored amount, certified amount, which has got all its odium that they had been drawing from. Now Sir, I have no complaint about it; that is left to them. But, to draw the tax-payers' money and not to inform this House under the rules of procedure with regard to the financial aspect as provided in our Constitution Act placing of statement comes—the Ministers—the hungry Ministers—to be paid. There is no provision for the expenditure to be made. Now it would appear, Sir, to an unwary eye that this is all what you wanted. Rs. 12,000 had been provided for Rs. 9,000 is now asked for while working out the pay of the Hon'ble Ministers—unduly large numbers, which I am told is going to be raised to five. Now my submission Sir, is because of this flippant way of the Government in dealing with the taxpayers' money which is intended to be utilised for the amelioration of the condition of the villager in contra-distinction to the fattening and flying and other things of the already fat and well-fed individuals who have been making these to enrich themselves. That is the point of my opposition, Sir, I have stated the case of the tax-payers. I am completely indifferent on the matter. I oppose the demand.

Mr. President: The question is that Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 9,260 under "16-1-Huzur Secretariat.—Salaries—Ministers".

Mr. President: Those who are in favour of the motion will say 'aye' and those who are against it will say 'no'.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: No.

Mr. President: I think the "ayes" have it.

Demand put and carried

58-16-1-Huzur Secretariat

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 15,400 under "16-1-Huzur Secretariat—T.A. of Ministers and their staff". The reasons are given in the Note to the Standing Finance Committee.

CUT MOTION No. 1

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): I am not just now moving the cut but the points sought to be elicited by moving the cut may kindly be supplied otherwise than by moving the cut. Then if necessary I would move the cut.

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